

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

- 1        1. (Currently amended) A method for facilitating secure communication  
2        between two networked devices, comprising:
  - 3           establishing communication between a situation notification device and a  
4           provisioning device over a preferred channel, wherein the preferred channel does  
5           not require being resistant to eavesdropping wherein said preferred channel has a  
6           demonstrative identification property and an authenticity property;
  - 7           providing provisioning information to said situation notification device  
8        over said preferred channel, wherein said situation notification device is  
9        automatically configured to receive subject matter information responsive to said  
10      provisioning information;
  - 11          receiving said subject matter information;
  - 12          verifying said subject matter information with said provisioning  
13      information; and
  - 14          presenting said subject matter information to a user of the situation  
15      notification device responsive to the step of verifying, wherein the step of  
16      verifying ensures that the subject matter information is genuine.

- 1        2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of  
2        providing further comprises:
  - 3           exchanging key commitment information over said preferred channel  
4        between said provisioning device and said situation notification device;

5 receiving a public key by said situation notification device;  
6 verifying said public key with said key commitment information; and  
7 receiving a credential authorized by a credential issuing authority.

1 3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said preferred  
2 channel is a location-limited channel.

1 4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said preferred  
2 channel uses a telephone switching system.

1 5. (Canceled)

1 6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein subject matter  
2 information is received using an antenna, a telephone line, a local area network, a  
3 wide area network, a wireless network, or a broadcast network.

1 7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said situation  
2 notification device is a computer, a television, a radio, a telephone, a push to talk  
3 device, a pager, a clock, a thermostat, a network appliance, or a home appliance.

1 8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2 forwarding said subject matter information.

1 9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said subject  
2 matter information is alarm information.

1 10. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing  
2 instructions that when executed by a computer cause the computer to present

3 subject matter information, the method comprising steps of:  
4 establishing communication between a situation notification device and a  
5 provisioning device over a preferred channel, wherein the preferred channel does  
6 not require being resistant to eavesdropping ~~wherein said preferred channel has a~~  
~~7 demonstrative identification property and an authenticity property;~~  
8 providing provisioning information to said situation notification device  
9 over said preferred channel, wherein said situation notification device is  
10 automatically configured to receive said subject matter information responsive to  
11 said provisioning information;  
12 receiving said subject matter information;  
13 verifying said subject matter information with said provisioning  
14 information; and  
15 presenting said subject matter information to a user of the situation  
16 notification device responsive to the step of verifying, wherein the step of  
17 verifying ensures that the subject matter information is genuine.

1 11. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10,  
2 wherein the step of providing  
3 further comprises:  
4 exchanging key commitment information over said preferred channel  
5 between said provisioning device and said situation notification device;  
6 receiving a public key by said situation notification device;  
7 verifying said public key with said key commitment information; and  
8 receiving a credential authorized by a credential issuing authority.

1 12. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10,  
2 wherein said preferred channel is a location-limited channel.

1           13. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10,  
2 wherein said preferred channel uses a telephone switching system.

1           14. (Canceled)

1           15. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10,  
2 wherein subject matter information is received using an antenna, a telephone line,  
3 a local area network, a wide area network, a wireless network, or a broadcast  
4 network.

1           16. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10,  
2 wherein said situation notification device is a computer, a television, a radio, a  
3 telephone, a push to talk device, a pager, a clock, a thermostat, a network  
4 appliance, or a home appliance.

1           17. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10, further  
2 comprising forwarding said subject matter information.

1           18. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10,  
2 wherein said subject matter information is alarm information.

1           19. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:  
2           at least one port configured to establish a preferred channel, wherein the  
3 preferred channel does not require being resistant to eavesdropping wherein said  
4 preferred channel has a demonstrative identification property and an authenticity  
5 property;

6           a first communication mechanism configured to receive provisioning  
7 information over said preferred channel, whereby the apparatus is configured to be

8 able to receive subject matter information responsive to said provisioning  
9 information;

10 a second communication mechanism configured to receive said subject  
11 matter information subsequent to operation of the first communication  
12 mechanism;

13 a verification mechanism configured to verify said subject matter  
14 information with said provisioning information; and

15 a presentation mechanism configured to present said subject matter  
16 information to a user of the situation notification device responsive to the  
17 verification mechanism, wherein the step of verifying ensures that the subject  
18 matter information is genuine.

1 20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the first communication  
2 mechanism further comprises:

3 a key commitment receiver mechanism configured to receive key  
4 commitment information through said at least

5 one port;

6 a key receiver mechanism configured to receive a public key;

7 a pre-authentication mechanism configured to verify said public key with  
8 said key commitment information; and

9 a credential provisioning mechanism configured to be able to  
10 automatically provide a credential authorized by a credential issuing authority  
11 responsive to the pre-authentication mechanism.

1 21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said preferred channel is  
2 a location-limited channel.

1 22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said preferred channel

2 uses a telephone switching system.

1           23. (Canceled)

1           24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein subject matter  
2 information is received using an antenna, a telephone line, a local area network, a  
3 wide area network, a wireless network, or a broadcast network.

1           25. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the apparatus is within a  
2 computer, a television, a radio, a telephone, a push to talk device, a pager, a clock,  
3 a thermostat, a network appliance, or a home appliance.

1           26. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising a forwarding  
2 mechanism configured to forward said subject matter information.

1           27. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said subject matter  
2 information is alarm information.

1           28. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said preferred channel has a  
2 demonstrative identification property and an authenticity property

1           29. (New) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 10, wherein  
2 said preferred channel has a demonstrative identification property and an  
3 authenticity property.

1           30. (New) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said preferred channel has a  
2 demonstrative identification property and an authenticity property.